(a) whether it is a fact that as per norms of CBSE, no school affiliated to it should collect any fee, other than admission fee, from students;

(b) whether many schools affiliated to CBSE, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, are collecting exorbitant fee in the form of building fund or otherwise;

(c) if so, the details of such schools from A.P. and action contemplated against them;

(d) whether his Ministry has received any complaint that Navabharat School, affiliated to CBSE, at Paloncha, Khammam district, Andhra Pradesh has been collecting huge amounts as building funds, etc.; and

(e) if so, the action taken against the school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Affiliation Bye-Laws of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) *inter-alia* prescribed the following:-

1. Fee charges of a school affiliated with the Board should be commensurate with the facilities provided by the institution.

2. Fees should normally be charged under the Heads prescribed by the Deptt. of Education of the State/U.T. for schools of different categories.

3. No capitation fee or voluntary donations for gaining admission in the school or for any other purpose should be charged/collected in the name of the school.

(b) and (c) The Board receives sporadic complaints against its affiliated private unaided schools A complaint against Meridian School for Boys and Girls, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad A.P. was received in the year 2008 and the school was directed to adhere to the Affiliation Bye-Laws.

(d) No such complaint has been received by CBSE.

(e) Does not arise.

Visva Bharati University

2548. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESROUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that academic environment in the Visva Bharati has been witnessing sharp deterioration over the last several months, in particular, forcing virtual closure of the university for several weeks during October, 2009;

(b) if so, the reasons for the ongoing turmoil in Visva Bharati University;

(c) the steps taken, if any, - for restoration of the past glory and academic environment of this eminent seat of learning linked to Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore;

(d) whether any probe has been ordered into the conduct of the present Vice-Chancellor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Visva Bharati, the University has not witnessed any sharp-deterioration in its academic environment over the last several months. However, there had been a snap strike for eleven days from 24th October to 3rd November, 2009. The strike was triggered by transfer effected by the University authorities of two employees of 'Rabindra Bhavana' and issues raised subsequently regarding financial mismanagement, irregularities in appointments as well as allegations against the Vice-Chancellor. Following an intervention by the Chancellor *(Acharya)* of the University, the strike was called off from 4th November, 2009 and all academic and administrative activities were resumed from 5th November, 2009 onward. The University has reported that there is no disturbance on the University campus of present.

(c) To restore the University to its pre-eminence in the national and international arena and to re-establish it as a centre of excellence, keeping in view the recommendations of the High Level Committee headed by the Governor, West Bengal in his capacity as the Rector of the University, the Central Government, through the University Grants Commission, has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 95 crores, over and above its normal Eleventh Plan grant, to Visva Bharati.

(d) and (e) The University Grants Commission has, in exercise of its powers under Section 12 of the UGC Act 1956, *vide* its order dated 14th November, 2009 constituted a Fact Finding Committee to ascertain facts in regard to all allegations of financial mismanagement, misappropriation of funds, irregularities in appointments, charges of favouritism and nepotism against the University functionaries as also into the allegations against the Vice-Chancellor personally.

Central universities in North-Eastern States

2549. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESROUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central universities which have been established in North-Eastern States, particularly in Nagaland;

(b) the funds allocated to these universities during last three years;

(c) whether any proposals are pending before Government for providing latest modern technology and equipments for research in these universities;

(d) whether recruitment of staff has been completed or still some posts are lying vacant and the details thereof;

(e) whether any demand from these universities for financial assistance is pending before Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) There are nine Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry that are located in the North-Eastern States. In Nagaland, there is only one Central